

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1 through 5, 7 through 9, and 11 remain in this application. Claims 6 and 10 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

Claim 1 has been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Claim 1 has been amended in a manner believed to clarify any informalities in the language. Specifically, "ate" has been changed to "at"

Withdrawal of the objection to claim 1 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 5 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Stuckey, or in the alternative as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Stuckey, and furthering view of Miller.

Claim 6 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Smith rejection as set forth in paragraph 1 and further in view of Cumpston.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 6. Claim 6 was indicated to be allowable if written into independent form, and the inclusion of the requirements of claim 6 into claim 1 is believed to put claim 1 into condition for allowance. It is noted that in contrast to the indication of allowability of claim 6 on the Office Action Summary page and also on page 3 of the (detailed) Office Action, page 3 also includes a rejection of claim 6. It is believed that this rejection, copies from the previous Office Action, was included by mistake. If not, then applicant requests a further Office Action to respond to the rejection of claim 6.

Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 1 through 5 and 9 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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